GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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ADMISSION OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been revealed in the National Conference on `Indian Academy of Paediatrics` that die physical and mental health of children is adversely affected if they are sent to school at a tender age as reported in ` The Rajasthan PatrikcT dated February 9, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to restrict the admission of children below 4 years in any school; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): The National Policy on Education, 1986, as modified in 1992, stipulates that Early Childhood Care & Education will receive high priority and be suitably integrated with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, wherever possible.

It further states that the programmes of early childhood care and education will be child oriented, focused around play and the individuality of the child. Formal methods and introduction of the 3 R.`s will be discouraged at mis stage.